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Dear Mr. Evers,

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") request No. SBA-2019-000606 in which you have requested "All email correspondence (including emails, email attachments, and calendar invitations) between (1) Director Todd Pauley or his Chief of Staff or scheduler and (2) Senators James M. Inhofe (@inhofe.senate.gov) or James Lankford (@lankford.senate.gov) or any staffer for either senator, including staffers on the Senate Committee on Armed Services (@armed-services.senate.gov) and the Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (@hsgac.senate.gov). Please provide all responsive records from October 29, 2018, through the date the search is conducted."

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Sincerely,



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To: Occhipinti, Susan (Lankford)
Cc: Sellers, Corey (Daines); Asmus, Katelyn (Ernst); Burgess, Dan (Blunt); McLean, Kelley (Lankford)
Subject: Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act
Date: Thursday, January 31, 2019 2:55:40 PM

VAT –

S.130, the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act has just been hotlined. At this point, Senator Sasse plans to go to the Senate floor this afternoon to call for a live UC. I've copied Senator Sasse's press release from bill introduction below my signature for more background.

As additional background, I am sure you have all been keeping up with actions taken by New York and Virginia to allow abortion up until the time of birth.

As always, don't hesitate to reach out with questions.

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Sasse Reintroduces Born-Alive Legislation

Washington, D.C. — U.S. Senator Ben Sasse released the following statement after reintroducing the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act.

"Everybody loves babies and that love has nothing to do with politics and everything to do with just having a heart," said Sasse. "This legislation is an opportunity for Congress to find consensus built on common sense, compassion, science, and a simple fact: every baby deserves a fighting chance at life. Providing care for newborns is more important than partisan political divides. Every baby has dignity – every baby deserves protection and love."

Background:

Sasse's bill, the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, would protect newborns that survive abortions by requiring appropriate care and admission to a hospital.

The legislation requires that, when an abortion results in the live birth of an infant, health care practitioners must exercise the same degree of professional skill and care to protect the newborn as would be offered to any other child born alive at the same gestational age. It also requires that the living child, after appropriate care has been given, be immediately transported and admitted to a hospital.

Currently federal law does not adequately protect a born child who survives an abortion.

Cosponsors of the legislation include Senators Barrasso, Blackburn, Blunt, Boozman, Braun, Burr, Cassidy, Cornyn, Cotton, Cramer, Crapo, Cruz, Daines, Ernst, Fischer, Graham, Grassley, Hawley, Hoeven, Hyde-Smith, Inhofe, Isakson, Johnson, Kennedy, Lankford, McConnell, Moran, Perdue, Portman, Risch, Roberts, Rounds, Rubio, Scott, Thune, Tillis, Wicker, and Young.

From: [Occhipinti, Susan \(Lankford\)](#)
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Cc: [McLean, Kelley \(Lankford\)](#); [Sellers, Corey \(Daines\)](#); [Asmus, Katelyn \(Ernst\)](#); [McPhee, Alexandra \(Blunt\)](#)
Subject: Case Update
Date: Monday, April 22, 2019 11:18:56 AM

VAT –

Today, the Supreme Court announced it would hear cases regarding the interpretation of the word “sex” in civil rights law and whether sex would be redefined to include “sexual orientation and/or gender identity”. The cases should be heard in the fall.

As you may know, in the last few years, cases have come out of the 1st, 2nd, 6th, 7th, and 11th Circuits all focused on reinterpreting “sex” under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act. The Circuit Courts have been split on these decisions, which is why the SCOTUS decision to hear these cases is so important. The cases in which the Court granted cert are specific to employment issues. However, if the Court were to reinterpret “sex” in Civil Rights law to mean sexual orientation and/or gender identity, protections for women, children, parents, medical professionals, athletes, employers, employees, nonprofits, faith-based organizations, people of faith and schools could be affected. Congress has not amended the Civil Rights Act to expand the scope to include sexual orientation and/or gender identity.

[Bostock v. Clayton County, Georgia and Altitude Express Inc. v. Zarda](#)
The first case, [Bostock v. Clayton County, Georgia](#) will decide whether discrimination against an employee because of sexual orientation constitutes prohibited employment discrimination “because of ... sex” within the meaning of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Background: Gerald Bostock claims he was fired from his job as a child welfare services coordinator for a Georgia county’s juvenile court system when his employer found out he is gay. The 11th Circuit upheld a lower court ruling, essentially that Bostock was discriminated against, but that sex does not mean sexual orientation and as such, there is no legal cause of action.

Bostock has been consolidated with [Altitude Express Inc. v. Zarda](#), which asks the same question and is coming from the 2nd Circuit. In this case, a gay skydiver told a female jumper not to worry about being strapped to him because he was gay. Her boyfriend complained to Altitude Express. The skydiver was fired. The Skydiver sued Altitude Express for firing him based on his sexual orientation. The 2nd Circuit decided that sex does mean sexual orientation, and as such, it was sex discrimination.

[R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home Inv. v. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission](#)

The second case, R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home Inc. v. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission will decide whether Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits discrimination against transgender people based on their status as transgender or sex stereotyping under Price Waterhouse v. Hopkins.

Background: The EEOC filed suit over the dismissal of an employee who refused to comply with a Michigan funeral home's sex-specific dress code, which requires employees to dress in a manner sensitive to grieving family members and friends. The EEOC attempted to force the business to allow a biologically male employee to wear a female uniform while interacting with the public. ADF has this case – more background can be found here. In this case, the 6th Circuit overturned a District Court ruling and agreed with the EEOC that sex does mean gender identity.

Don't hesitate to reach out if you have questions.

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From: Pauley, Todd E.
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Subject: Faith Based and Community Initiatives @ SBA
Date: Friday, November 2, 2018 10:00:45 AM

Mr. Hacker sir – Good morning from DC!

I thought I would reach out from my new email! Will you please let me know if Luke and/or he and an LA might want to get together and chat about how they think a faith based and community initiatives program at SBA might be most beneficial and effective? Maybe they already have some thoughts or would like to take some time to develop some and then we could chat? I want to be sure they have input if they want it particularly since the Senator was so kind to write that fantastic letter. Thank you so much!

Do you know veterans or anyone in the nonprofit sector working to support and aid veterans in NJ? Here is another opportunity to add a tool to their tool box, economic and small business development in the veteran community there. If we work together to provide the opportunity for the creation of greater prosperity, we can solve some significant challenges and celebrate changed lives for the better.

<https://www.legion.org/careers/243718/event-tap-veteran-entrepreneurs-new-jersey>

- Todd

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Cc: McLean, Kelley (Lankford); Sellers, Corey (Daines); Asmus, Katelyn (Ernst); McPhee, Alexandra (Blunt)
Subject: FW: (RELEASE): Lankford, King Introduce Resolution Recognizing the National Day of Prayer
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2019 3:59:20 PM

VAT –

Please see the press release below regarding the National Day of Prayer Resolution in the Senate.

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Subject: (RELEASE): Lankford, King Introduce Resolution Recognizing the National Day of Prayer

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Contact: 202-224-5754
[Aly Beley, Kelly Ferguson](#)
May 2, 2019
[PERMALINK](#)

Lankford, King Introduce Resolution Recognizing the National Day of Prayer

WASHINGTON, DC – Senators James Lankford (R-OK) and Angus King (I-ME) today introduced a resolution to recognize May 2, 2019, as this year's National Day of Prayer, which is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people of all faiths to pray for the nation. It was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. In 1988, the law was amended and signed by President Reagan to designate the National Day of Prayer as the first Thursday in May. As President Ronald Reagan noted in a radio address in 1982, "Prayer is one of the few things in this world that...sustains the spirit of millions."

"The National Day of Prayer is an important moment for Americans of all faiths to pray for their families, their communities, our nation, our nation's leaders, our first responders, our military, and anyone else in their lives that they feel should be lifted up by prayer," said Lankford. "As our nation reels from yet another senseless attack on a house of worship, we can help ensure hate does not drive out love by maintaining our commitment to prayer among all faiths. The National Day of Prayer sets the United States apart as a country but also serves as an example to the world. I am grateful to our founding fathers for prioritizing the freedom to have a faith and live that faith in our nation. I will continue to do what I can to help preserve those freedoms for all Americans to have a faith or choose to have no faith at all. I pray that Americans would extend love to others today through their actions, words, and prayers."

"The National Day of Prayer is a time to come together to celebrate the diversity of culture and freedom of religion that make the American experiment so special," said King. "Our nation was built upon these ideas, and because of them we continue to grow, learn from our neighbors, and better understand our own respective faiths – and ourselves. So today and every day, let us commit to love and respect one another, and work to be a little gentler and a little kinder to all people."

Lankford served as the honorary co-chairman of this year's National Prayer Breakfast and serves as co-chairman of the Congressional Prayer Caucus.

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For more information about Senator Lankford, visit: www.lankford.senate.gov.

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Cc: McLean, Kelley (Lankford); Sellers, Corey (Daines); Asmus, Katelyn (Ernst); McPhee, Alexandra (Blunt)
Subject: FW: (RELEASE): Senator Lankford Supports Efforts by Administration to Stop the Use of Tissue, Organs from Unborn Children for Research
Date: Wednesday, June 5, 2019 6:19:45 PM
Attachments: image001.png

VAT –

As you have most-likely heard, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced that it has terminated its contract with the University of California San Francisco (UCSF) for fetal tissue acquired from elective abortions. This contract, which had received a 90 day extension, was scheduled to expire today and will not be renewed. In addition, NIH will stop acquiring new tissue for intramural research, and all future extramural research will be reviewed by an Ethics Advisory Board before receiving funding.

Senator Lankford's [press release](#) is below. Please also see [his tweet](#).

For more information, please see this [press release](#) from HHS.

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June 5, 2019
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Senator Lankford Supports Efforts by Administration to Stop the Use of Tissue, Organs from Unborn Children for Research

WASHINGTON, DC – Senator James Lankford (R-OK) today applauded the decision by the Trump Administration to move to terminate the inhumane research of human fetal tissue from elective abortions at the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

“The decision by the Administration to end its current contracts with the University of California San Francisco, stop new research at NIH, reevaluate outside research, and consider alternatives for research of human fetal tissue is an important ethical and moral decision that will help shape our future as a nation to protect the life and dignity of every person,” said Lankford.

Lankford continued, “Every human being should be treated with dignity and respect, no matter their age. We cannot in one moment say that an unborn child is not a person but then recognize the humanity and value for the purpose of research. There was never a time that a child wasn’t a child. From the moment of conception, children have their own DNA that is unique to them, and they will continue to have that same DNA through their entire life, separate from the mother or father. The only difference between a child growing in the womb and a two-year-old is time. Just because we call one *unborn* and one a *toddler* doesn’t mean one has greater value over the other.

“We demand transparency and humanity when other human organs and tissue are donated for research or life-saving operations. It is only reasonable to have the same integrity and ethical process for the use of fetal tissue.”

Last year Lankford joined Senator Steve Daines (R-MT) along with 15 other Senators to urge the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Commissioner Scott Gottlieb to cancel with Advance Bioscience Resources (ABR). ABR was awarded a contract by the FDA to acquire “fresh human fetal tissue” for research led by the FDA.

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Cc: McLean, Kelley (Lankford); Sellers, Corey (Daines); Asmus, Katelyn (Ernst); McPhee, Alexandra (Blunt)
Subject: FW: (VIDEO RELEASE): Senator Lankford Prays for Nation on Senate Floor
Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2019 5:18:05 PM
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VAT –

Today, Senator Lankford prayed for the nation on the Senate floor ahead of the National Day of Prayer. Please see the press release below for more details.

The theme for the 2019 National Day of Prayer on May 2, 2019 is Love One Another, which comes from the words of Jesus in John 13:34, "Love one another. Just as I have loved you." On Monday, Senators Lankford and King introduced the National Day of Prayer Resolution recognizing May 2, 2019, as the 31st anniversary of the National Day of Prayer.

As you may know, the National Day of Prayer was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of Congress, and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. In 1988, the law was unanimously amended by both the House and the Senate and signed into law by President Ronald Reagan on Thursday, May 5, 1988, designating the first Thursday of May as a day of national prayer. Every president since 1952 has signed a National Day of Prayer proclamation. Each year individuals, churches, and spiritual leaders in America, humble themselves in unified prayer for our nation.

Tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. there will be a National Observance in Statuary Hall in the US Capitol. We hope you will tune in and join the nation in prayer.

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May 1, 2019
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Senator Lankford Prays for Nation on Senate Floor

Lankford: "It's not a terrible thing to do as a nation to be able to love and to be able to pray for each other."



[CLICK HERE](#) to watch Lankford's floor speech.

WASHINGTON, DC – Senator James Lankford (R-OK) today spoke on the Senate floor to pray for the nation ahead of the National Day of Prayer, which is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people of all faiths to pray for the nation. It was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of the US Congress and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. In 1988, the law was amended and signed by President Reagan to designate the National Day of Prayer as the first Thursday in May. During his speech, Lankford addressed the attacks on synagogues and bombings on Christians.

Lankford joined Senator Angus King (I-ME) to introduce a resolution to recognize May 2, 2019, as this year's National Day of Prayer. Lankford served as the honorary co-chair of the 2019 National Prayer Breakfast and serves as co-chairman of the Congressional Prayer Caucus.

Excerpts:

00:32-00:53 - This year, on May 2, with the theme, 'Love One Another,' we will again have a National Day of Prayer. It's not a requirement for Americans to pray. It's not a requirement of a person a direction to pray, a certain method, a sudden location. Just a call to the nation to say, 'We have great needs as a country.'

00:54-01:24 - As we watch the attacks on synagogues in our country, as we watch bombings of Christians in Sri Lanka, gun battles that have erupted in churches in the United States, mosques

that have been attacked, people of faith being targeted simply because of their faith it is a reasonable thing as a nation to be able to pause and say 'how are we as this year's theme says: loving one another?'.

02:48-04:24 - So if I can model for the nation for just a moment in my own way and encourage the nation on our National Day of Prayer to be able to pause and pray, I would simply say this, 'Let us pray as a nation.'

Father, guide us. We need Your help. Controversy, the division in our nation, the anger, the struggle. Help us to be able to love one another. Help us to be able to see each other as You have created us and to respect You, Your wisdom and Your guidance: Father, we admit that we do not know as much as You. So we need Your help. We need Your insight. For our first responders and our military scattered around this nation and around the world, we pray Your protection for them, pray that You would give them insight. Help them to be able to represent us well. The members of our State Department, members in our government that are scattered around the Earth, members of our intelligence community, and others that serve us every day, God, would You guide them and would You protect them in the task and give them the insight they need? For federal employees that serve our nation each day, for members of our nation, that we're finding ways to serve each other in our communities, would You help us this day to love one another and to be able to set the tone for a world that is watching us as a nation? Help us represent well You, who You have called us to be as individuals. In the name of Jesus, I pray, Amen.

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From: Pauley, Todd E.
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Subject: FW: US Customs Small Business Trade Day on Wednesday
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2019 11:12:02 AM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)
[image005.png](#)
[SB Trade Day Oklahoma 4-17-19 - Agenda \(006\).pdf](#)

FYI – this would be a nice event to have someone in attendance if there is any way possible

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Subject: US Customs Small Business Trade Day on Wednesday

Good morning Todd. I am not sure if you are in Oklahoma tomorrow but we will be holding the US Customs Small Business Trade Day tomorrow at the Wes Watkins Center. I have attached the latest agenda of the flyer for your reference. I was not able to get in touch with Mona Taylor, so perhaps you could share this with her as well.

Regards,

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Attachments: Executive Order - National Roadmap to Empower Veterans and End Suicide.pdf
Importance: High

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Subject: VA Task Force on Executive Order on a National Roadmap to Empower Veterans and End Suicide (PREVENTS) on March 5, 2019
Importance: High

Colleagues,

Good morning. As we know, the President signed the Executive Order on a National Roadmap to Empower Veterans and End Suicide (PREVENTS) on March 5, 2019. I am reaching out to invite you to join the Executive Director of the Task Force, Ms. Wendy Lakso, Deputy Director within the office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention working under Dr. Keith Franklin. I appreciate your attendance as we tackle this national crisis. I will send invite. Please forward to all Faith Base Directors if I left someone out by error. Be blessed.

Do you all have one-hour during the time recommended below for a meeting? I will provide a conference call as well. Thanks much.

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Tuesday, May 14 12pm – 1pm

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Suicide Prevention is Everyone's Business. [#BeThere](#).



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Date: Wednesday, April 17, 2019 3:39:18 PM
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I can't find anything in this plan connected to faith and opportunity. Please let me know if I missed something. Thank you Sarah.

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Subject: President Trump is Lifting Up Communities That Have Been Left Behind

Good afternoon,

Today, President Trump delivered remarks at the White House Opportunity Zone Conference reaffirming his commitment to bringing jobs, safety, and opportunity back to distressed communities across the country through Opportunity Zone investment. The push to encourage Opportunity Zone investment comes from President Trump's belief that every American community is worth cherishing, protecting, and renewing. This is a critical part of President Trump's efforts to bring economic opportunity to communities that have been left behind. The Trump Administration will also implement

administrative reforms and initiatives that will target, streamline, coordinate, and optimize Federal resources in economically distressed communities to stimulate economic development, encourage entrepreneurship, expand educational and workforce development opportunities, and promote safe neighborhoods.

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) included a new Opportunity Zones incentive designed to bring investment to struggling communities across the country. Over 8,700 communities in all 50 states, D.C. and five U.S. territories have been designated as Opportunity Zones.

We encourage you to share this information with your members and partners. If you have any questions or would like to submit a letter of support, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Amanda Robbins

White House, Office of Public Liaison

**PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP IS LIFTING UP AMERICAN COMMUNITIES
THAT HAVE BEEN LEFT BEHIND**

"We're providing massive tax incentives for private investment in these areas to create jobs and opportunities where they are needed the most." – President Donald J. Trump

ENCOURAGING INVESTMENT: Opportunity Zones will spur private-sector investment to revitalize hurting communities and unleash their economic potential.

- In 2017, President Trump signed the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which established Opportunity Zones to incentivize long-term investments in low-income communities across the country.
- These incentives offer capital gains tax relief to investors for new investment in designated Opportunity Zones.
- Opportunity Zones are anticipated to spur \$100 billion in private capital investment.
- Incentivizing investment in low-income communities fosters economic revitalization and job creation and promotes sustainable economic growth across the Nation.

LIFTING UP COMMUNITIES: Opportunity Zones help drive economic growth and lift up communities that have been left behind.

Opportunity Zones are a powerful vehicle for bringing economic growth and job creation to the American communities that need them the most.

- On average, the median family income in an Opportunity Zone is 37 percent below the State median.
- The average poverty rate in an Opportunity Zone is more than 32 percent, compared with a rate of 17 percent for the average United States census tract.

More than 8,760 communities in all 50 States, the District of Columbia, and 5 Territories have been designated as Opportunity Zones.

- Nearly 35 million Americans live in communities designated as Opportunity Zones.

CREATING OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL: President Donald J. Trump is encouraging investment to create opportunity in distressed communities.

In 2018, President Trump signed an Executive Order establishing the White House Opportunity and Revitalization Council.

- The Council is chaired by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Ben Carson, and is comprised of 16 Federal agencies.

The Council is engaging all levels of government to identify best practices and assist leaders, investors, and entrepreneurs in utilizing the Opportunity Zone incentive to revitalize low-income communities.

The Council is improving revitalization efforts by streamlining, coordinating, and targeting existing Federal programs to economically distressed areas, including Opportunity Zones.

- Lack of coordination and targeting has led to cumbersome applications, program waste, and ineffective benefits.

The Council will consider legislative proposals and undertake regulatory reform to remove barriers to revitalization efforts.

The Council will present the President with a number of reports identifying and recommending ways to encourage investment in economically distressed communities.

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Good afternoon,

Please join us for a White House conference call **TODAY, Wednesday, June 5, at 5:00PM EST**. Please note the time for your specific time zone. During today's call, we will provide an update regarding fetal tissue research.

To attend the conference call, please fill out the following link and you will receive the dial-in information, upon RSVP'ing.

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Let us know if you have any questions.

Best,

(Sent on behalf of)

Amanda Robbins

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As I mentioned at our staff meeting we are planning an **Opportunity Zone Conference here at the EEOB on April 17th from 1-5pm**. This will be our big kick-off event for our city tour following last week's WHORC principals meeting.

At the conference we want to host a breakout session focused on the Entrepreneurship work stream. **Can you please identify one person from DOC, one person from SBA, and one person from USDA to lead this breakout? Can you also help develop a list of questions to guide the conversation?**

The audience will be a mix of state and local economic development officers, tribal leaders, entrepreneurs, and investors. This is a great opportunity to both share what resources are available, share some best practices at the local or state level, and gather information and ideas on reforms we can propose in your chapter of the next WHORC report in August.

Breakout:

Empowering Entrepreneurship and Unlocking Untapped Economic Potential	Department of Commerce, Small Business Administration, and USDA	Room 430ABC
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Subject: great to see you this am
Date: Monday, March 4, 2019 11:33:26 AM

Jared,

It was great seeing you this morning. I pray your trip to DC is a blessed and successful one. My personal mobile is (b) (6) which you have and my updated office info. is below. Let me know if you need anything while you are here. Hope to see you soon. - tp

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Jon, I would like to introduce you to my good friend Todd Pauley, Director, Faith Based and Community Initiatives with the U.S. Small Business Administration located in Washington DC. One of Todd's many projects is the opportunity zones across the country. I told Todd that you would be one of the very best contacts for our state related to this topic. I would recommend the two of you have a call to conference call to see how you can help each other. SBA is focused on rural America, I know this is also a focus for ODOC and the Lt. Gov.

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FYI - note under the business line the opportunity for nonprofits including charities and churches.

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U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION FACT SHEET - DISASTER LOANS

OKLAHOMA Declaration #15973 & #15974 (Disaster: OK-00130)

**Incident: SEVERE STORMS, STRAIGHT-LINE WINDS,
TORNADOES & FLOODING**

occurring: May 7, 2019 & continuing

in the OKlahoma counties of: **Muskogee, Tulsa & Wagoner;**
and for economic injury only in the contiguous OKlahoma counties of: **Cherokee, Creek, Haskell, Mayes, McIntosh,
Okmulgee, Osage, Pawnee, Rogers, Sequoyah & Washington**

Application Filing Deadlines:

Physical Damage: July 31, 2019

Economic Injury: March 2, 2020

If you are located in a declared disaster area, you may be eligible for financial assistance from the U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

What Types of Disaster Loans are Available?

- **Business Physical Disaster Loans** – Loans to businesses to repair or replace disaster-damaged property owned by the business, including real estate, inventories, supplies, machinery and equipment. Businesses of any size are eligible. Private, non-profit organizations such as charities, churches, private universities, etc., are also eligible.
- **Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL)** – Working capital loans to help small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture, and most private, non-profit organizations of all sizes meet their ordinary and necessary financial obligations that cannot be met as a direct result of the disaster. These loans are intended to assist through the disaster recovery period.
- **Home Disaster Loans** – Loans to homeowners or renters to repair or replace disaster-damaged real estate and personal property, including automobiles.

What are the Credit Requirements?

- **Credit History** – Applicants must have a credit history acceptable to SBA.
- **Repayment** – Applicants must show the ability to repay all loans.
- **Collateral** – Collateral is required for physical loss loans over \$25,000 and all EIDL loans over \$25,000. SBA takes real estate as collateral when it is available. SBA will not decline a loan for lack of collateral, but requires you to pledge what is available.

What are the Interest Rates?

By law, the interest rates depend on whether each applicant has Credit Available Elsewhere. An applicant does not have Credit Available Elsewhere when SBA determines the applicant does not have sufficient funds or other resources, or the ability to borrow from non-government sources, to provide for its own disaster recovery. An applicant, which SBA determines to have the ability to provide for his or her own recovery is deemed to have Credit Available Elsewhere. Interest rates are fixed for the term of the loan. The interest rates applicable for this disaster are:

Loan Types	No Credit Available Elsewhere	Credit Available Elsewhere
Home Loans	1.938%	3.875%
Business Loans	4.000%	8.000%
Non-Profit Organizations	2.750%	2.750%

Economic Injury Loans		
Loan Types	No Credit Available Elsewhere	Credit Available Elsewhere
Businesses & Small Agricultural Cooperatives	4.000%	N/A
Non-Profit Organizations	2.750%	N/A

What are Loan Terms?

The law authorizes loan terms up to a maximum of 30 years. However, the law restricts businesses with credit available elsewhere to a maximum 7-year term. SBA sets the installment payment amount and corresponding maturity based upon each borrower's ability to repay.

What are the Loan Amount Limits?

- **Business Loans** – The law limits business loans to \$2,000,000 for the repair or replacement of real estate, inventories, machinery, equipment and all other physical losses. Subject to this maximum, loan amounts cannot exceed the verified uninsured disaster loss.
- **Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL)** – The law limits EIDLs to \$2,000,000 for alleviating economic injury caused by the disaster. The actual amount of each loan is limited to the economic injury determined by SBA, less business interruption insurance and other recoveries up to the administrative lending limit. EIDL assistance is available only to entities and their owners who cannot provide for their own recovery from non-government sources, as determined by the U.S. Small Business Administration.
- **Business Loan Ceiling** – The \$2,000,000 statutory limit for business loans applies to the combination of physical, economic injury, mitigation and refinancing, and applies to all disaster loans to a business and its affiliates for each disaster. If a business is a major source of employment, SBA has the authority to waive the \$2,000,000 statutory limit.
- **Home Loans** – SBA regulations limit home loans to \$200,000 for the repair or replacement of real estate and \$40,000 to repair or replace personal property. Subject to these maximums, loan amounts cannot exceed the verified uninsured disaster loss.

What Restrictions are there on Loan Eligibility?

- **Uninsured Losses** – Only uninsured or otherwise uncompensated disaster losses are eligible. Any insurance proceeds which are required to be applied against outstanding mortgages are not available to fund disaster repairs and do not reduce loan eligibility. However, any insurance proceeds voluntarily applied to any outstanding mortgages do reduce loan eligibility.
- **Ineligible Property** – Secondary homes, personal pleasure boats, airplanes, recreational vehicles and similar property are not eligible, unless used for business purposes. Property such as antiques and collections are eligible only to the extent of their functional value. Amounts for landscaping, swimming pools, etc., are limited.
- **Noncompliance** – Applicants who have not complied with the terms of previous SBA loans may not be eligible. This includes borrowers who did not maintain flood and/or hazard insurance on previous SBA loans.

Note: Loan applicants should check with agencies / organizations administering any grant or other assistance program under this declaration to determine how an approval of SBA disaster loan might affect their eligibility.

Is There Help with Funding Mitigation Improvements?

If your loan application is approved, you may be eligible for additional funds to cover the cost of improvements that will protect your property against future damage. Examples of improvements include retaining walls, seawalls, sump pumps, etc. Mitigation loan money would be in addition to the amount of the approved loan, but may not exceed 20 percent of total amount of physical damage to real property, including leasehold improvements, and personal property as verified by SBA to a maximum of \$200,000 for home loans. It is not necessary for the description of improvements and cost estimates to be submitted with the application. SBA approval of the mitigating measures will be required before any loan increase.

Is There Help Available for Refinancing?

- SBA can refinance all or part of prior mortgages that are evidenced by a recorded lien, when the applicant (1) does not have credit available elsewhere, (2) has suffered substantial uncompensated disaster damage (40 percent or more of the value of the property or 50% or more of the value of the structure), and (3) intends to repair the damage.
- **Businesses** – Business owners may be eligible for the refinancing of existing mortgages or liens on real estate, machinery and equipment, up to the amount of the loan for the repair or replacement of real estate, machinery, and equipment.
- **Homes** – Homeowners may be eligible for the refinancing of existing liens or mortgages on homes, up to the amount of the loan for real estate repair or replacement.

What if I Decide to Relocate?

You may use your SBA disaster loan to relocate. The amount of the relocation loan depends on whether you relocate voluntarily or involuntarily. If you are interested in relocation, an SBA representative can provide you with more details on your specific situation.

Are There Insurance Requirements for Loans?

To protect each borrower and the Agency, SBA may require you to obtain and maintain appropriate insurance. By law, borrowers whose damaged or collateral property is located in a special flood hazard area must purchase and maintain flood insurance. SBA requires that flood insurance coverage be the lesser of 1) the total of the disaster loan, 2) the insurable value of the property, or 3) the maximum insurance available.

Applicants may apply online, receive additional disaster assistance information and download applications at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>. Applicants may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov for more information on SBA disaster assistance. Individuals who are deaf or hard-of-hearing may call (800) 877-8339. Completed applications should be mailed to U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

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Cc: McLean, Kelley (Lankford); Sellers, Corey (Daines); Asmus, Katelyn (Ernst); McPhee, Alexandra (Blunt)
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Date: Wednesday, May 22, 2019 12:08:07 PM
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VAT –

Please see the press release below from the Department of Homeland Security. Yesterday, the Department announced a new Task Force on the Security and Resiliency of Houses of Worship and Faith-Based Organization. As you know, there has been a recent and disturbing trend of attacks in synagogues, churches, mosques and other houses of worship over the past six months from October 2018 to April 2019. Please see the press release below or [click here](#).

Several Senators have introduced resolutions relating to attacks on House of Worship that you may be interested in.

- Senator Risch introduced a [resolution](#) condemning the Easter Sunday terrorist attacks in Sri Lanka, offering sincere condolences to the victims, to their families and friends, and to the people and nation of Sri Lanka, and expressing solidarity and support for Sri Lanka.
- Senator Hawley and Cotton introduced a [resolution](#) condemning the Easter Sunday terror attacks in Sri Lanka.
- Senator Cruz introduced a [resolution](#) condemning all forms of antisemitism.
- Senators Lankford and King introduced the National Day of Prayer Resolution (attached) recognizing May 2, 2019, as the 31st anniversary of the National Day of Prayer. This resolution asks the United State to ban together in prayer over the series of shootings and bombings on houses of worship in the six weeks prior to introducing the resolution.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 21, 2019

Acting Secretary McAleenan Swears in Two New HSAC Members, Announces New Council Tasking Focused on the Security and Resiliency of Houses of Worship and Faith-Based Organizations

WASHINGTON— Acting Secretary of Homeland Security Kevin K. McAleenan today met with the Homeland Security Advisory Council (HSAC) to discuss a range of homeland security issues and his priorities for the Department. The Acting Secretary then swore in two new members to the HSAC, Robert Bonner and Leon Fresco.

"My vision for the HSAC, consistent with its charter, is to seek their strategic, organizationally independent, timely, specific, and actionable advice on a range of homeland security issues," Acting Secretary McAleenan said. "I am pleased to appoint national thought leaders like Robert Bonner and Leon Fresco to the Council."

During today's public session, Acting Secretary McAleenan also announced a new HSAC tasking that is focused on the security and resiliency of houses of worship and faith-based organizations across the country.

"The right to practice our respective religions free from interference or fear is one of our Nation's most fundamental and indelible rights. That is why I have tasked HSAC with evaluating how DHS can work with houses of worship and faith-based groups to prevent and ensure protection from acts of violence. Worshiping free from fear is a basic and essential right we must defend and I look forward to receiving the committee's critical feedback," Acting Secretary McAleenan said.

The HSAC is a Department of Homeland Security federal advisory committee that provides the Secretary with independent, informed recommendations and advice on a variety of homeland security issues. The HSAC is comprised of national policy makers, representatives from state, local, and tribal governments, emergency, and first responder communities, academia, and the private sector. Former CIA and FBI Director Judge William Webster is chair of the HSAC.

For more information about the HSAC, visit www.dhs.gov/hsac. Information on the two new HSAC members sworn in today is below.

Robert Bonner is a retired partner of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, an international law firm, and formerly the senior principal of the Sentinel HS Group, LLC, a Washington, D.C.-based homeland security consulting firm that provides strategic advice regarding homeland and border security issues. He is currently the principal of Bonner ADR Services. Mr. Bonner has held several positions in the federal government. In September 2001, Mr. Bonner was appointed Commissioner of the U.S. Customs Service and served until 2006 as the first Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection. Mr. Bonner is also a former Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration, U.S. District Judge and United States Attorney for the Central District of California. He was the chair of the California Commission on Judicial Performance and currently serves on the board

of trustees of the California Institute of Technology. Mr. Bonner received a B.A. from the University of Maryland, College Park in 1963 and a J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center 1966.

Leon Fresco is an immigration attorney in Holland & Knight's Washington, D.C., office where he focuses his practice on providing global immigration representation to businesses and individuals. He also represents clients in administrative law and government relations matters and has extensive appellate, commercial litigation, and legislation experience.

Prior to joining Holland & Knight, Mr. Fresco was the Deputy Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Immigration Litigation at the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Civil Division. In this position, Mr. Fresco provided litigation risk assessments to cabinet members in Executive Branch agencies. He also oversaw all civil immigration litigation on behalf of the federal government, including representation of the DOJ, DHS, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) and the U.S. Department of State (DOS). This involved supervision of more than 350 attorneys working on nearly 10,000 cases per year. He also advised and assisted client agencies in drafting immigration regulations.

Prior to joining the DOJ, Mr. Fresco was the staff director for the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration, handling matters involving immigration, refugees and border security, including managing the subcommittee's oversight functions involving the DOJ, DHS, HHS, DOL and DOS. He was the principal advisor to Senator Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.), former chairman of the subcommittee, on all aspects of immigration law and policy. During his time on the subcommittee, Mr. Fresco drafted several pieces of legislation, including: 1) the Border Security, Economic Opportunity and Immigration Modernization Act; 2) the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Reauthorization Act; 3) the Emergency Border Security Supplemental Appropriations Act; and 4) the Israel E-2 Visa Bill. Mr. Fresco received a B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania in 1999 and a J.D. from Yale Law School in 2003.

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Thank you Susan. These are great updates. I am grateful for the op-ed link. I had missed that one.

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Thanks

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The Council will present the President with a number of reports identifying and recommending ways to encourage investment in economically distressed communities.

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So glad that worked out! Hope to see you on Monday ☺

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Michelle and Sarah, I received an out of office message from Jaclyn, can you please let me know who else I might be able to communicate with on this request? – Thank you!

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As I mentioned at our staff meeting we are planning an **Opportunity Zone Conference here at the EEOB on April 17th from 1-5pm**. This will be our big kick-off event for our city tour following last week's WHORC principals meeting.

At the conference we want to host a breakout session focused on the Entrepreneurship work stream. **Can you please identify one person from DOC, one person from SBA, and one person from USDA to lead this breakout? Can you also help develop a list of questions to guide the conversation?**

The audience will be a mix of state and local economic development officers, tribal leaders, entrepreneurs, and investors. This is a great opportunity to both share what resources are available, share some best practices at the local or state level, and gather information and ideas on reforms we can propose in your chapter of the next WHORC report in August.

Breakout:

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I have visited with HUD, and I would love to visit with you about non-profits, foundations and our faith communities and revitalizing our high poverty areas. Are you based in DC?

It would also be great to visit with you about the details of SBA loans/fees and rates and how we can promote some of those on our site.

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- Opportunity Zones are anticipated to spur \$100 billion in private capital investment.
- Incentivizing investment in low-income communities fosters economic revitalization and job creation and promotes sustainable economic growth across the Nation.

LIFTING UP COMMUNITIES: Opportunity Zones help drive economic growth and lift up communities that have been left behind.

Opportunity Zones are a powerful vehicle for bringing economic growth and job creation to the American communities that need them the most.

- On average, the median family income in an Opportunity Zone is 37 percent below the State median.
- The average poverty rate in an Opportunity Zone is more than 32 percent, compared with a rate of 17 percent for the average United States census tract.

More than 8,760 communities in all 50 States, the District of Columbia, and 5 Territories have been designated as Opportunity Zones.

- Nearly 35 million Americans live in communities designated as Opportunity Zones.

CREATING OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL: President Donald J. Trump is encouraging investment to create opportunity in distressed communities.

In 2018, President Trump signed an Executive Order establishing the White House Opportunity and Revitalization Council.

- The Council is chaired by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Ben Carson, and is comprised of 16 Federal agencies.

The Council is engaging all levels of government to identify best practices and assist leaders, investors, and entrepreneurs in utilizing the Opportunity Zone incentive to revitalize low-income communities.

The Council is improving revitalization efforts by streamlining, coordinating, and targeting existing Federal programs to economically distressed areas, including Opportunity Zones.

- Lack of coordination and targeting has led to cumbersome applications, program waste, and ineffective benefits.

The Council will consider legislative proposals and undertake regulatory reform to remove barriers to revitalization efforts.

The Council will present the President with a number of reports identifying and recommending ways to encourage investment in economically distressed communities.

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Date: Monday, June 3, 2019 10:56:07 PM

Thank you for the connection, Todd.

Susan - hi, and yes, please count me in for Wednesday's meeting.

Best, Holly Ham

Sent from my iPad

On Jun 3, 2019, at 6:16 PM, Occhipinti, Susan (Lankford)
<Susan_Occhipinti@lankford.senate.gov> wrote:

Great! Thanks, Todd. Great to connect with you, Holly. Will you be joining us at VAT this week?

Susan

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Subject: Re: SBA Advocacy
Date: Wednesday, May 22, 2019 2:08:55 PM

Got it - thanks

James Lankford

On May 22, 2019, at 1:58 PM, Pauley, Todd E. <Todd.Pauley@sba.gov> wrote:

Sir, submitted for consideration and with tremendous respect,

Obviously remember that Office of Advocacy is lacking a political leadership position and the person testify today I believe is not from the Administration but career.

- **What is the Office of Advocacy doing to protect the religious freedom rights of small businesses?**
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Date: Monday, May 6, 2019 1:48:58 PM

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Subject: VA Task Force on Executive Order on a National Roadmap to Empower Veterans and End Suicide (PREVENTS) on March 5, 2019

Importance: High

Colleagues,

Good morning. As we know, the President signed the Executive Order on a National Roadmap to Empower Veterans and End Suicide (PREVENTS) on March 5, 2019. I am reaching out to invite you to join the Executive Director of the Task Force, Ms. Wendy Lakso, Deputy Director within the office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention working under Dr. Keith Franklin. I appreciate your attendance as we tackle this national crisis. I will send invite. Please forward to all Faith Base Directors if I left someone out by error. Be blessed.

Do you all have one-hour during the time recommended below for a meeting? I will provide a conference call as well. Thanks much.

- **Tuesday, May 14th 12pm – 1pm**

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Subject: RSVP for April 3 VAT Meeting
Date: Friday, March 29, 2019 5:36:26 PM

VAT –

Our next coalition meeting will be this Wednesday, April 3 in the Senate Visitors Center room 202-203 from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

This month's meeting will focus on values issues in education. Secretary DeVos plans to attend. As always, please come prepared with your questions or comments related to your work in this space.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP to me Susan_Occhipinti@lankford.senate.gov no later than noon on Tuesday, April 2.

Also, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce Alexandra McPhee, Senator Blunt's new VAT staffer. In addition to VAT, she also handles judiciary, immigration, and law enforcement matters, among other issues. Alexandra previously worked at Family Research Council with a focus on domestic religious liberty. She can be reached at Alexandra.McPhee@blunt.senate.gov.

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Subject: SBA Advocacy
Date: Wednesday, May 22, 2019 1:57:23 PM

Sir, submitted for consideration and with tremendous respect,

Obviously remember that Office of Advocacy is lacking a political leadership position and the person testify today I believe is not from the Administration but career.

- **What is the Office of Advocacy doing to protect the religious freedom rights of small businesses?**
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- **What is the office of advocacy doing to promote faith-based business and the social impact entrepreneur and how can the office work closer with the White House Initiative on Faith and Opportunity to promote the work of faith-based ministries and nonprofits and the use of entrepreneurship as a tool for ministry and community revitalization and transformation?**
- **What is the process for when a regional small business identifies a challenge for small business prospectively caused by another federal agency, how is the challenge managed, how is it followed up with the agency, what is the success rate of reporting a small business concern/challenge to other federal agencies and the concern/challenge is addressed in favor of the small business?**
- **What is the Office of Advocacy doing to encourage and advocate young entrepreneurs' youth and college age to develop the next generation of entrepreneurs?**
- **What is the Office of Advocacy doing to help the Office of International Trade spur trade between the U.S. and around the globe small business to small business with NGOs and other organizations, including faith-based organizations to help build assets and wealth for the marginalized and poor around the globe, particularly in areas of known human rights violations or among refugees?**

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Subject: SBA Emerging Leaders Program
Date: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 5:20:43 PM
Attachments: (b) (5)
Importance: High

Brian!! - my friend, If you are not aware I would like to introduce the SBA Emerging Leaders Program to you.

Emerging Leaders Initiative provides free entrepreneurship education and training for executives of small, poised-for-growth companies that are potential job creators. This intensive executive entrepreneurship series includes nearly 100 hours of classroom time. It also provides opportunities for small business owners to work with experienced coaches and mentors, attend workshops, and develop connections with their peers, local leaders, and the financial community.

Since its inception in 2008, the SBA's Emerging Leaders Initiative has trained over 5,000 small business owners, creating over 6,500 jobs, generating over \$300 million in new financing, and securing over \$3.16 billion in government contracts.

Given the success of SBA's Emerging Leaders, the SBA has expanded the initiative to include 60 locations to help growing entrepreneurs in emerging markets. Emerging Leaders is a significant investment for SBA and a very successful one.

Please see the attached flyer. Emerging Leaders is not only working, but making a really positive difference in lives. Respectfully, as Senator Inhofe is on the Small Business Committee in the Senate, I ask you to consider including this program (should you in your own due diligence approve of it and see the potential in it as I do) in future communications in the state to constituents, that it is for all Oklahomans who meet the qualifications including businesses of faith. I promise those who meet the programs few qualifications who choose to participate are guaranteed to receive a benefit from the program, and in turn will help support and strengthen their own economy as well as help further improve the economy of our nation.

May the Lord always bless you and keep you

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Subject: State Department Announcements on Abortion
Date: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 11:01:30 AM
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VAT –

Today, Secretary Pompeo made two announcements that will be of interest to you. Regarding the Mexico City Policy, he announced that foreign assistance will no longer be given to NGOs that provide assistance to other groups in the global abortion industry to eliminate backdoor funding.

Next, he announced State will be enforcing the Siljander amendment, which prohibits tax dollars from being used to lobby for or against abortion. As such, State will be reducing contributions to the OAS in proportion to its expenditures on abortion-related activities. To watch Secretary Pompeo's full remarks, [click here](#).

Background: As you know, the administration implemented the Protecting Life in Global Health Assistance policy (also known as the Mexico City Policy) on May 15, 2017 to ensure that no taxpayer dollars would support foreign organizations that perform or actively promote abortion as a method of family planning in other nations. Today, the Secretary announced that assistance will no longer be given to other organizations that also provide assistance to those groups that promote abortion.

Regarding the Siljander amendment, Senators Lankford, Tillis, Enzi, Lee, Inhofe, Kennedy, Bunt, Cruz and Ernst sent the attached letter to Secretary Pompeo to express concern on organizations that used tax dollars to lobby for abortion in Latin America. The Siljander amendment was added to the 1982 Foreign Assistance appropriations bill and put a prohibition on U.S. tax dollars being used to lobby for or against abortion. In the past, it has not been well enforced. The letter asked that funding to groups within the OAS that lobby for abortion be stopped using a proportional reduction in the US' contribution to the OAS general fund and voluntary fund contributions until these organizations comply with the Siljander amendment. Today, the Secretary announced that enforcement action.

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President Trump has named NFL star and Texas state legislator Scott Turner as executive director of the White House Opportunity and Revitalization Council, which will coordinate federal agencies' efforts to support the OZ program.

Senator Lankford said he would meet with him on Thursday while Scott is in DC for the day if it could work at all on his schedule.

Scott is available 10-11:30 am and after 2:30 pm till about 5 pm

<https://www.dallasnews.com/news/politics/2019/04/04/former-nfl-player-texas-lawmaker-scott-turner-frisco-joins-white-house-administration>

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